



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
609 West Navajo Street
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Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Lindsey Payne; Peter Bunder; James Britton; Aparna Puri; Gene Hanus; Kara Salazar; Thom Davis; Tom Voigt; Heather Gall

Absentees: Parr Durr

Others: Dave Henderson, Sara Peel, Ann Hunt

Agenda

- I. Presentation of SIA Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Award (SEESA) to Lindsey Payne and Heather Gall – presented by Denise Coogan, Manager of Safety and Environmental Compliance, Subaru of Indiana Automotive
- II. Reception and Refreshments for Departing Commissioner, Heather Gall
- III. Allen: Call to order, 6:38 PM
- IV. Allen: Approval of May minutes
 - a. Tom motions to approve, Thom seconds, approved
- V. Allen: Financial Report
 - a. \$10.32 (revenue), \$100 (rain barrel), \$1,424.51 (current balance)
- VI. Allen: Follow up to trash ordinance
 - a. Ann Hunt: no PAYT, goes into effect July 1, no longer pick up grass clippings after that date; worried about this, but IDEM recommends not to do that; would like some support from Commission to help explain this to the public and why it is good for the environment
 - b. Peter: how do we enforce this?
 - c. Ann: warning the first time with note, potential for fine
 - d. Allen: neighbor puts his in a trash bin, so need to make sure it is broadcast
 - e. James: PAYT would solve this issue, mechanism that will weigh the trash, etc.
 - f. Thom: if you ban it from the landfill it will go somewhere, mulching is a great solution, but what about cooperative extension to make more soil, pick up, etc.
 - g. Peter: why don't we have Soilmaker pick it up?
 - h. Ann: grass clippings are heavy, and we already pay them for brush, etc.
 - i. Allen: are there options to drop off grass clippings?
 - j. Ann: you can take it to County and drop it off for a dollar a bag, possibly Soilmaker
 - k. Kara – Master Gardeners have a master composter class (will try and see if we can start it again), starting a master rain garden class
 - l. Allen: Commission Appointment(s)



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- m. Both appointments are city council appointments
 - n. Allen: tried with Marty Sennett, not really getting anywhere
 - o. Lindsey: nominate Linda Anderson to replace Heather
 - p. Allen: will call and see if she is still interested, then send out application and then ask Peter to bring to council
 - q. Lindsey: can recruit new ESE students in beginning of fall
 - r. Allen: lets hold off until then
- VII. Allen: New Business / Announcements
- a. Allen: Dave Henderson and I attended compressed natural gas workshop, put on by Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition to promote alternative energy usage, geared toward truck fleets
 - b. Allen: rain barrels are painted, barrel will go through silent auction, can go to ticketed event Sept. 20, 2013, details: www.tippeconow.com/painttherain
 - c. Sara: \$10,000 grant from Tipmont that will allow you to buy rain barrel, stand, and diverter for \$25, go to Lafayette City Clerk's Office and pick up at waste water treatment plant, \$110 (WL) and \$85 (Laf) actual cost
 - d. Gene: average went down from 33% to 27% primarily in campus area, linkage to loss of students; if you include yard waste with recycling = 49%
 - e. Thom: high speed rail note, Arvid Olson (aolson@faithlafayette.org) leading local charge
 - f. Allen: state is doing feasibility, needs assessment, left door open to potentially provide funding if study demonstrates need/benefit, nothing will move forward from INDOT or state legislature until study comes out, train will stop in October
 - g. Dave: still working on projects/ideas to figure out how they will work out in individual departments
 - h. Allen: COC sustainability group is meeting, June 27, 4 PM at GLC, COC Hilltop-to-hilltop committee is also working; Lafayette is getting a new co-working facility, tech focus, support staff, dedication ceremony open house Thursday afternoon, across from Holiday Inn
- VIII. Adjournment, 7:25 PM
- a. Allen motions to adjourn, Kara seconds, adjourned.

Next meeting July 9, 2013, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on June 11, 2013.